

January 20, 1984

LB 416

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Fenger would move to amend. Senator Fenger's amendment...this is Request 1692, Senator. It is found on page 496.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment 1692 is an amendment brought by the Nebraska Health Care Association. This also was necessitated by the Attorney General's Opinion which stated that no more than twenty hours of training could be required for nonlicensed nursing home personnel in which the rules and regulations promulgated under 273 as passed last year. Senator Higgins' nursing home training bill required a minimum of twenty hours of training for nurse's aides. The Opinion interprets the language in such a way that it limits the training for care staff members to twenty hours. Traditionally, care staff members receiving a minimum of ninety hours of training, including forty hours in pharmacology and medication administration, without this amendment anyone in a nursing home with a mere twenty hours of training could administer medications. This is an intolerable situation. The amendment would correct the problem by putting into statute what is presently standard practice and what had been put into the proposed rules and regulations by the Department of Health prior to the issuance of the Attorney General's Opinion. I would move the adoption of the amendment, sir.

SENATOR KAHLE: There are no lights on. We are voting on the second Fenger amendment to LB 416. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Kahle voting yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Fenger's second amendment.

SENATOR KAHLE: The second Fenger amendment is adopted.

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